

## How your information is used for medical research and to measure the quality of care

### Medical research

Wareham Surgery shares information from medical records:

- to support medical research when the law allows us to do so, for example to learn more about why people get ill and what treatments might work best;
- we will also use your medical records to carry out research within the practice.

This is important because:

- the use of information from GP medical records is very useful in developing new treatments and medicines;
- medical researchers use information from medical records to help answer important questions about illnesses and disease so that improvements can be made to the care and treatment patients receive.

We may review medical records from our database to identify potential participants for studies we are working on, which will have already received approvals from the relevant regulatory boards and ethics committees. If we think you may be suitable to be considered, we may call, email or text you to see if you may be interested.

We work together with other practices in Dorset as part of the Dorset Primary Care Clinical Research Group. This means that we may need to share information with research staff from the practices who work together in this way. We will always obtain your explicit consent to share your information in this way.

You have the right to object to your identifiable information being used or shared for medical research purposes. Please speak to the practice if you wish to object.

Wareham Surgery has conducted a specific Data Protection Impact Assessment- Participation in Research Studies in collaboration with the Dorset Primary Care Clinical Research Group

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we share your information for medical research purposes.

<b>Data Controller</b> contact details	Wareham Surgery, Streche Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4PG Tel: 01929 553444
<b>Data Protection Officer</b> contact details	Helen Williams email: <a href="mailto:helen.williams@nhsdorset.nhs.uk">helen.williams@nhsdorset.nhs.uk</a> Lynda Bennett email: <a href="mailto:lynda.bennett@nhsdorset.nhs.uk">lynda.bennett@nhsdorset.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Purpose</b> of the processing	Medical research and to check the quality of care which is given to patients (this is called national clinical audit).
<b>Lawful basis</b> for processing	<p>The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can use medical records for research and to check the quality of care (national clinical audits)</p> <p>Article 6(1)(e) – ‘processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller’.</p> <p>Article 9(2)(j) – ‘processing is necessary for... scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member States law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and interests of the data subject’.</p> <p>To check the quality of care (clinical audit): Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’</p>
<b>Recipient or categories of recipients</b> of the processed data	For medical research the data will be shared with Dorset Primary Care Clinical Research Group For national clinical audits which check the quality of care the data will be shared with NHS Digital.
<b>Rights to object and the national data opt-out</b>	<p>You have a right to object under the GDPR and the right to ‘opt-out’ under the national data opt-out model. The national data opt-out model provides an easy way for you to opt-out of:</p> <p>information that identifies you being used or shared for medical research purposes and quality checking or audit purposes.</p> <p>Please contact the practice if you wish to opt-out.</p> <p>To opt-out of your identifiable information being shared for medical research or to find out more about your opt-out choices please go to NHS Digital’s website: <a href="#">National Data Opt-Out - NHS England Digital</a></p>

<p><b>Right to access and correct</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our 'subject access request' policy on the practice website – <a href="#">Subject Access Requests « Wareham Surgery</a></li> <li>• We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retention period</b></p>	<p>GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016">https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016</a> or speak to the practice.</p>
<p><b>Right to complain</b></p>	<p>You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link <a href="https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/">https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/</a> or call the helpline <b>0303 123 1113</b></p>